

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

By His Excellency Caleb Strong  
Esq Governor of the said Common-  
wealth.



Caleb Strong

A Proclamation

Whereas on the ninth day of  
Nov<sup>r</sup>

Proclamation offer-  
ing a reward for ap-  
prehending the  
murderers of  
Marcus Lyon

November instant, at Wilbraham in the County of  
Hampshire, a horrid murder was committed on one  
Marcus Lyon who was then travelling on the highway,  
and it is presumed that divers valuable articles were  
then and there feloniously taken from the said Lyon

I do hereby, in behalf of the Commonwealth,  
offer a reward of Five hundred Dollars to any person  
or persons who shall apprehend the murderer or mur-  
ders, and prosecute him or them, until he or they  
shall be convicted of the said murder.

Given under my hand, and the seal of the said  
Commonwealth, this twelfth day of November in the  
year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred &  
five, and in the thirtieth year of the Independence of  
the United States of America.

By His Excellency's command.

John Avery Secy.